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Draperies; 5,000 yards of new stikelines, golden art crops and cretonnes, in all the leading colors worth up to 15c. 578C.

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Vesile suits, of blue cheviot, with braided collars and shields—such a suit as sells for \$1.98 elsewhere regularly—99C.

Finest man-tailored suits—the handsement Venetians and breadcloths, in black and colors, in recter and "Eton" effects; handsomely brailed, with taffets slik linings; this lot also includes the scarce shades of gray and tan; none of them sold for less than \$25, and many as much as \$25,0.88 your choice, because we want to close them out quickly. \$10.00

Ladies' long muslin skirts, with wide cambric umbrella ruffle, the same as are sold usually for  $\omega_c$  , for.,

Lot of ladies' white kid and patent leather strap sandals, with buckles and bows; the 98c kind everywhere; 69c.

1 lot of ladies' black and tan expects in three styles of toes; footwear the equal of which is sold for \$1.25 every—DSC.

513-515 Seventh Street.

lin, makes an interesting report to the State Department on the development by invention "which promises to solve more effectively than has been done hitherto the lished at San Juan. The force mentioned problem of consuming bituminous coal, slack, sawdust and other inferior forms of fuel without smoke and under conditions

mation of the American government and the benefit of American cities, the consul gen

to the United States, may be summarized as follows:
"1. The smokeless consumption of bitumi-

coke works in cities and towns.

I In naval vessels, notably torpedo boats to secure such complete consumption of bi-terminous fuel as to eliminate smoke, which

of a war vessel to an enemy.
"It will be understood that while any fuel -lump or nut coal, for instance-burns fiercely on a Cornelius grate, perfect combestion with consumption of smoke gase requires the fuel to be pulverized, so the for naval purposes lump coal would have

## Changes in Stations Ordered

The Secretary of War has ordered the following changes in stations of troops: Battery B. 3d Artillery, from Fort Monroe, Va., to report to the commanding general. Department of California, for assign-

One company 24th Infantry, from Fort D. A. Russeil, Wyo., and one company 24th Infantry, from Fort Douglas, Utah, to be selected by the commanding general, De-Agricultural Department is authority for partment of Colorado, to report to the commanding general, Department of Cali

be abandoned.

The steam logs of Admiral Dewey's fleet time to time within the last six months. The admiral's flagship, the Olympia, is in overhauling in those lines during her stay at Hong Kong.

Boys suits blue and black and fancy chevlot suits for little fellows from 3 to 8 years, in vestie styles and in doable-breasted styles for boys from 7 to 16 years which sold for \$3.50 and \$2.49

Serge skirts—ladies' black cheviot serge skirts, the new shape, trimmed with two rows of satin strapping down from and around sweep—button and loop fastenings—new marked \$5.08. \$2.98

Crash skirts, 29c, full width linen crash skirts same as those selling for 29c. 60 cents about town-for, . . . .

Latlies' cambric corset covers V and square neck style trimmed with embeddery and seams all felled—the 12%C.

## Hecht & Company,

## A NEW SHOKE CONSUMER.

Consul General Mason Reports the Development of a Successful Process.

Consul General Frank H. Mason, at Ber of extreme economy."

Describing the new method for the infor-

few people in the islam, who do not like the insular police, on account of their in-dependence of character. This force does

From the standpoint of general utility.

The use for steam and heating purpose ecals, peat, sawdust, &c., and the vast mounds of anthracite waste that now incumber the mining districts of Pennsyl-

highly pleased with the services performed by the insular police, and as a proof therethe insular police, and as a proof there-he authorized Chief Techter to increase "Almost all of the officers of the insular police were in this city yesterday and visited Gen. Henry. They thanked him for his congratulations to their chief and to crushed in order to secure the best the insular police. Gen. Henry again ad-dressed very encouraging words to the chief and the officers. This gallant body deserves the applause of all honest men

fornia, for assignment to dufy.

The garrison of Fort Washakie, Wyo. will be withdrawn, and Troop E. 1st Cav-airy, now garrisoning the post, will be transferred to Fort Robinson, Neb., at such time as in the opinion of the department is probable that Fort Washakie will

have been received at the Navy Department. They show that in all mechanica branches, machinery, beffers, etc., the ships are in remarkably good condition. at Manila. All of them have been overhauled from such satisfactory condition in her engine and belier rooms that she will need no

# Untrimmed hats; mather lot of halles' untrimmed hats, in the newest shapes and colors, and a lot of children's hats, in all colors, which sold for the \$1.12, will be sold for

stades, in all colors, complete with fixtures, 36x72 inches in 77/8C.

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Table oilcloth; the best quality 5-number table oilcloth, in great assert  $87\% C_*$  ment of styles and colorings, for

Shirt waists—hundreds of finer lawn, perceile and leatiste shirt waists, and in this lot we have included the landsome white India linen waists, made with tracks and embreddery inserting mone of these waists can be had elsewhere for less waists than \$1.50, and some are \$2-for.

Ladies' mostin gowns, with tucked yoke and ruffle around the neck and 31c. sleeves; instead of 50c.—for..... 31c.

Ladies' black and fan lace shoes, with as are sold about town for \$3; \$1.69

PORTO RICO'S INSULAR POLICE.

Tribute to the Efficiency of the Fore-

Established by Gen. Henry.

Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn has made public the following graceful

tribute to the efficiency of the insular po-

lice of Porto Rico, which is translated from

the columns of El Pais of April 27, pul-

was established by Gen. Guy V. Henry:

"From all points of the Island we re

ceive very satisfactory reports of the good

services rendered by the insular police.

o assure peace and quietness, where, since

the war, there had been troubles and gangs

going around. Wherever a post of insular

police is established people feel confident

that their rights are considered and their property grotected.

"The insular police force is formed of men of the best Porto Rican society, they are well educated, well built and courage-ous fellows. The force is an honor to this

ountry and natives and strangers admire his institution. The press of the whole is-and constantly reports valuable services serformed by the insular police. For this eason the insular police have been received

by the country as a biessing. "Notwithstanding the above, there are a

of submit itself to be the instrument of ertain persons. Because of these several

omplaints have been made against the in-

sular police. The complaints reached the ears of the worthy chief, Mr. Frank Tech-

er. This skillful American military man, with good judgment, has organized this

orce, and commands it with great skill.

tioned complaints he went to Gen. Henry

and presented the resignation of his high

tion of Mr. Techter, nor that of Mr. Ber-ries, assistant chief of the insular police.

or its activity and firmness in the fulfill-

PRODUCTS OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Although an Agricultural Country It

is Not Self-Supporting.

A report on the plant products of the

Philippine Islands just received by the

the statement that the Philippines, al-

though an agricultural country, do not pro-

duce enough food for the consumption of

its inhabitants. In order to supply the de-

ficiency it is the custom to draw upon

other rice-producing countries, notably the

French colony of Cochin-China. No exp'a-

nation of this condition is offered, the re-

port dealing exclusively with agricultural

esources of the islands as they now exist.

The report was compiled by Mr. Frank H. Hitchcock, chief of the section of for-eign markets, and issued by the division

botany. A prefatory note explains that

it has been issued to meet a popular de-mand for such information, and says that

the main facts presented have been drawn

from a report made by the French consut-

The events of the national peace jubilee will be reported in an interesting manner in the columns of The Evening Star. The

sues of the week covering the memorable

celebration will be mailed to any

in the United States for 13 cents.

The governor general said that he

Gen. Henry, with the good sense he good spirit of justice which distin-ed him, did not accept the resigna-

iony. Odell is a great harmonizer.

"By no means," was the composite reply of the upsitters. "That speakership busiless is, of course, a political maneuver in which good generalship will win, but fi isn't going to disrupt the republican maority in Congress whoever is nominated for speaker. But the situation in New Fork is altogether different. We always have a fight to carry this state. If the orwhy Odell is working so hard for harmony and why he has so far prevented a break. "But you all think it is coming?"

er than that. He knew last fall that the San keep it strong. After a time he may reach the point where he'll think it necessary to know who's going to pilot the party There's rocks and breakers and shoal wa ter before we get the craft into a harbo

in party organization."
"Certainly he is. Don't make the mistake of supposing that he's trying to build himself up by tearing down the organiza-tion. He's always been a good party man, and for that reason his occasional excurand for that reason his occasional excursions with the independents haven't hurt him. When he did anything of that kind he always did it as a republican and not as a mugwump. The machine boys all like him, though they say sometimes they don't. He was a little apologetic in supporting Plaina against Claydond but he porting Blaine against Cleveland, but was young then and he did a good deal better than some people in this state who were organization men, and who stabbed the party candidate for President that There's no danger of Gov. Roose-

## better than that.

"Roosevelt won't try to build up a machine of his own, either. With the patron age of his office and his influence he could construct a pretty good machine. If he did Odell would worry. The organization would be no worse for the collision, which wouldn't be a rear-end affair. The two trains would approach each other at full speed, as they say, and coming from oppo-site directions. The organization would show that it was regular and had the right of way. It would take on board the follows from the wreck, and maybe give them some liniment and bandages for their bruises. If you don't believe this is what

## NEW YORK POLITICS

There is No Breach Between Rocsewelt and Platt.

DIFFER IN VIEWS OF FORD BILL

Effect of the Measure on Party's Future Pointed Out.

PLATT MAY CALL HALT

NEW YORK, May 21, 1899. They have a custom in South Africa known as "upsitting." When a young man. or perhaps an old one, reaches that momenfous stage in the courtship where the question is going to be popped he sits up all night with his sweatheart, and nobody appears on the front stairs and demands to know from the daughter of the house whether the young man means to stay for breakfast or makes other disagreeable remarks. Instead, the family clears out of the kitchen and leaves the swains to discuss the future housekeeping arrangements. The Boers follow this custom of upsitting, and the ancestors may have taken it from Holland.

and don't recall whether or not the original settlers of New Netherlands had the same custom. Probably there was something of custom. Probably there was something of the sort, for the antiquarian may find traces of it today in the way a large element of New York's population woos politics. Any afternoon all one has to do is to stroll into the 5th Avenue Hotel at 4 o'clock, and he will find himself among the political upsitters. They are also thereafter dinner, in the short half hour before the theaters open, and again toward midnight. But the garrulous, confidential hour is 4 p.m.

I haven't read Washington Irving lately.

is 4 p.m.
It seems to me I have known most of It seems to me I have known most of these upsitters for half a century, and when their acquaintance was made they had been courting politics for a long time. Perhaps it isn't half a century, but it is certainly qu'te a time back. They are good men to know. All are attached to factions, but this never blinds their judgment. Politics with them is an abstract science, and its discussion is an art, which personal bias rarely colors. The only thing is to talk polities. Once during a chance visit I fell into the group, and in a moment of weariness suggested that we talk something else than politics. It was months before their confidence was regained, and even yet they are a little distrustful of me. But a stranger coming in from Alaska can put himself in fellowship with the "upsitters in five minutes if he has news about the primaries up utes if he has news about the primaries up there or has a notion of how the Esqui-maux vote will go this year.

there or has a notion of how the Esquimaux vote will go this year.

An Interview on New York Politics.
Yesterday afternoon, at 4 o'clock to the
minute. I stroiled into the hotel and renewed my acquaintance with the upsitters,
not having seen some of them for a year
and a half. My purpose was to get an impression of the tangled state of New York
politics. The conference between Governor
Roosevelt on one side and Senator Platt
and Chairman Odelt, representing the republican organization, on the other side. politics. The conference between Governor Roosevelt on one side and Senator Platt and Chairman Odell, representing the republican organization, on the other side, was twenty-four hours old. Time enough had clapsed to form a judgment of its real significance. No better means could be found than a session with the president significance. No better means could be found than a session with the upsitters during their hour of garrulity. What half a dozen of them thought may be put in the form of a composite interview. It came in

answer to my question.
"Have Platt and Roosevelt broken?" "Not yet. Everybody knows they're bound to break, but it may not come soon. The governor didn't yield an inch on the tax governor didn't yield an inch on the tax franchise bill. Neither did Platt. He simply pointed out where the legislation was faulty and where it would fail to accomplish what the governor is after. Perhaps Platt also told the governor where it was going to hurt the republican party without doing any good to anybody. You'll find that Platt has put himself all right. He won't have the restonsibility for that the won't have the responsibility for that tay overnor's extra session of the legislature its. The senator is undoubtedly a little it of patience with Roosevelt. Probably

nony. Odell is a great harmonizer." The representative whose name was poken was at that moment seated on a ofactrying to convince William Pitt Hepurn of lowa that the west ought to keep oth Hopkins and Henderson in the field or Speaker, because the New York delegation doesn't know when it will dare get to-ether to decide between Payne and Speaker, or whether it will be able to get to-ether at all. This idea of promoting fartony in your own ranks by formenting disand in the ranks of your opponents is not new one in politics. Its application to eakership contest has no special bear i New York affairs, but the sugges on of Representative Odell as a harmon er led me to ask if h. was seeking to har

for his appearance just then, because it orought the conversation back to Mr. Platt and his control of the organization. The group interview proceeded in this

People With the Governor

"Yes, the senator knows that when he

akes a stand against the governor it will

nies. His idea of politics is to stand by his

friends. But this whole thing is a great

ical more than a personal affair. It's all light to cry out against the corporations,

and in the campaign everybody may do that on the stump. They expect it and don't mind. But when we get down to busi-

tion where we can carry on campaign without money. We didn't do it in the na

tional election, and we can't do it in the state elections. In the state campaigns w

tions, because they feel they have more at stake directly. You say they contribute to both parties. So they do, and that's what hurts. Suppose they shut down on us and only contribute to Tammany, where would

"Well, now, every corporation in the

state is against this legislation taxing from chises. Platt doesn't think much of it.

that public sentiment is demanding that something be done. The organization sees it, too. Platt tells the corporations that it

on't do them any good to kick, because

the organization is going to keep the sup-port of the public. They do kick and threaten, because they are corporations, but

hey know it's no use in the end. We might say they are going to have a fall, but they

re allowed to provide an air cushion to

break their fall. But suppose they are also kicked after they are down? Why, when

kick back instead of opening their pocke

ie next campaign comes around they just

"But it isn't altogether a matter of cam-

whether it will stop short of Henry George's

single tax, or some other form of confisca-tion? Now, then, suppose Senator Platt sees

what tendencies are developing and sees a

little more clearly than other people where they will end. Is he going to let them go

without a suggestion of where they lead? He may be satisfied at first to point out the prospect and to demonstrate where the responsibility rests, but he'll never be con-

responsibility rests, but he'll never be content to let the party go very far in the wrong direction without calling a halt. And it looks as though he thinks the governor is showing dangerous tendencies. The sena-

showing dangerous tendencies. The sena-tor has nothing to fear for himself. You've

heard for a dozen years past how he was being downed, but he is there in the Senate

show who was mistaken. He has an in-

terest in maintaining the organization in this state, so the party may succeed aside from its relation to him personally. So we

Two Senators Come Along.

Senator John P. Jones happened to com-

along at this time, and so did Senator Ald-

rich. With two United States senators in

sight it was not possible for the upsitters

but not sine die. I hope to gain further

impressions not only from the upsitters, but from other persons. The conditions are recognized as profoundly interesting. To give a little more light in brief compass I

may say that when the legislature met a Albany a few months ago it found a deter

mined public opinion demanding legislation which would secure more equitable taxa-tion. The professional machine politicians sought to play with this sentiment and

erhaps, as practical legislation, but he s

ess, that's a different matter.

## Platt and Roosevelt on the sam

"Yes, it looks that way. You see, they be getting farther apart in their ideas." It isn't a personal matter. You can't say that Platt is a better or a worse republican than Roosevelt, or that he is sore because Roosevelt wasn't his follower. He is broadiago campaign made Roosevelt the repub ican candidate for governor who could be elected, and probably the only one. Platt wanted a republican governor and he fa-vored Roosevelt's nomination. Gov. Black took it very hard when Platt told him so, and hasn't forgiven the senator yet. Now, with a republican governor. Platt wants the organization kept strong, and he doubts whether Gov. Roosevelt's course is going to say so to the public and to the organiza tion. Then it will be mighty interesting to where we can anchor."
"But Gov. Roosevelt is a strong believer

velt encouraging the delusion that the or-ganization can be destroyed. He knows

Roosevelt Not a Selfish Man.

to continue the session. It was adjourned would happen you don't know anything about New York politics."

I believed it and said so. I believed it and said so.
"Well, as we were saying, this is what the governor won't do. He believes in They would have succeeded if Gov. Roose-

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party organization, and he follows party | velt had not insisted on action. The result party organization, and he follows party methods. Way back in General Harrison's administration he was appointed civil service commissioner on the recommendation of Platt, who was the head of the organizations as real estate. It is said to be a crude measure. The representatives of the

Compiled with, but the appointment made isn't usually one that would help the governor in building up a personal machine. And this is where he is shrewd and strong, and this is where he is shrewd and strong office when the organization will not be isn't assuares. It can keep him from going after a manner of office when the organization will not be isn't measures. It can keep him from going after a manner of office when the organization will not be isn't measures. It can keep him from going after a manner of the convention and showing himself to the delegates as the likely in man to follow McKiniey's second term, and it can keep him from being renominated for governor, which is necessary if he is to be a presidential scannidate. Governor Roosevelt knows this, but he mannages so that the ditestion is whether the organization. That is his minimuser on this tax franchise and other matters. And it makes everybody who understands the rend situation. CHARLES M. PEPPER.

WITHOUT AUTHORITY.

Opinion of Attorney Thomas Concerning the wild and he evidently been in the water for some tim he will sign the original measure. In these circumstances the whip hand is will the governor. Politicians are divided in their opinions. Some think the legislation will be secured, and instead of a break between him and Senation the union of office when the potential or the next national convention and show to the corps. The sensational story that the hands and instead of a break between him and Senation the union of diverse elements in the particular to the bank to detain it while he was hunting the county officers.

CHARLES M. PEPPER.

WITHOUT AUTHORITY.

Opinion of Attorney Thomas Concerning the will be secured, and instead of a break between him and Sena

armony."
While this explanation of the prospective ment against lots 99, 101, 102, 103 and 104, ored man named Fisher, who works on one of the repair scows of the canal company. In Wright & Dole's subdivision, for water He caught the floating body, tied it to the at that time to wait upon the Commissionmain. It appears that the original assessment in the case was in respect of a water main laid by the Judson Pneumatic Railway Company, which main was purchased Potomac, Md., who decided that an inquest ay Company, which main was purchased by the District September 7, 1883. Fire hydrants were creeted on the main prior to February 8, 1894, and the original as-

essments for laying main and erecting fire plugs were levied March 1, 1894. sioners to their attorney, and in an opinion authorized the late legislative assembly to make all laws and regulations for the proper distribution of Potomac water, and that the legislative assembly, by section 6 of an act approved June 23, 1873, for the assessment of water main and fire plug taxes, denied. make him unpopular with the people who are always unding fault with him, but he rather likes being unpopular with his ene-

from area to frontage, and on July 8, 1888, Congress authorized the Commissioners to reassess water main taxes in certain cases. The act of the legislative assembly of 1871 authorizing the assessment of the cost of laying water mains and erecting fire plugs against abutting property contemplates water mains and fire plugs laid or erected by the municipality, and not water mains laid by private individuals or corporations, and subsequently purchased by the mu-nicipality. My opinion is the Commission-ers were without jurisdiction to levy the original assessments for laying the main in question, and it results that they were also without jurisdiction to levy the reasssments, which were but reimpositions of

the original assessments." missioners have approved, and Mr. Hufty's

### request will be granted. BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Robert E. Lee Monument Association Getting Ready for Work. The board of governors of the recently organized Robert E. Lee Monument Association of the District of Columbia met yesterday at 1206 G street for organization. There were present of the board: Mrs. Florence Steele Vance, president of the aspaign contributions. If a party gets headed into this kind of legislation, who knows sociation; Mrs. S. B. Stephenson, Mrs. H. S. Heth, Miss Virginia Miller, Mrs. Rust Smith and Mrs. Albert Akers, vice presidents; Mrs. Gadsden, treasurer; Miss Vina Stephenson, secretary, and Mrs. S. Sprigg Belt, Mrs. Magnus Thompson, Mrs. Robert W. Hunter, George P. Robinson, Hugh Waddell and Charles P. Cropley, the six members added in accordance with the members added in accordance provisions of the constitution of the asso-

ciation.

Miss Virginia Miller was unanimously chosen chairman of the board. Miss Stephenson secretary, and John G. Capers general counsel. Numerous rules for the government of the board were adopted, among them being provisions for committees on monument, subscriptions and entertainment, and

an advisory committee, the chairmen of the committees to be named by the chair-

as to the prospects of the association, and the prediction was, freely made that the proposed memorial to Lee would be ready for unveiling before the close of the first year of the next century. The monument is to be erected at Fort Myer Heights, upon a tract of land of 10,000 square feet, donated to the association for this purpose. The president of the association, Mrs. Vance, will issue a call tomorrow for a meeting of the association Saturday night as to the prospects of the association, and meeting of the association Saturday night at the Confederate Veterans' Hall, 11th and

The national peace jubilee celebration will be interestingly reported in The Evening Star. All issues of the jubilee week will be mailed to any address in the United States for 13 cents.

E streets northwest.
The board adjourned to again meet Fri-

day morning next.

MYSTERY CLEARED UP: Death of Peter Fletcher Due to Ac- Topics Discussed at Meeting of Tacident.

The body of a colored man, subsequently fished from the canal Saturday morning in meetings of the season at Takoma Hall what is known as log water level, a short last night, and subjects of general importdistance above the Anglers' club house, and ance were discussed. about a mile below Great Falls. The body | Capt. T. W. Lay of the school committee was in a badly decomposed state, and had reported that the District Commissioners

that it is a mighty interesting situation.
CHARLES M. PEPPER.

WITHOUT AUTHORITY.

Opinion of Attorney Thomas Concerning Certain Assessments.

Mr. Malcolm Hufty, as attorney for Michael White, recently requested the District Commissioners to cancel a reassessibility of the Commissi

was not necessary. The examination was made by Dr. Pratt Saturday about noon, and only a short time after the body had been discovered. Since the decision of 'Squire Davidson not submitted by him it appears that section complaint a number of sensational rumors 195 of the Revised Statutes of the District have grown. It was reported that the body was found with the feet and hands tied, which, if true, would have been a sure indication of foul play. It was also rumored that there were two bullet holes in the head of the drowned man, but this has been

The case was investigated by Deputy which bounded or touched on any avenue, street or alley in which a main water pipe might thereafter be laid and fire plugs erected, which tax, it was provided, should be assessed by the water registrar within thirty days after such mains and fire plugs the registrar within thirty days after such mains and fire plugs will take any further steps in the matter. The last time l'elecher was seen alive was Sinday night, May 14. He was with a number of ther young colored men, who were at the Great Falls, and all had been drinking. His companions lived that he has secured leads to the belief that death was accidental, and acting on this it "The principle of assessment for water and taxes," states the attorney, "was absequently changed by act of Congress (Cropley's brick yards, and he started on the dropped behind, and when called he yelled for them to keep on, that he would catch up to them. They did not see him again, and not seeing him Monday presumed he had gone to Washington to work, and thought nothing more of the matter. When the body of the drowned man was found they identified it as Fletcher's from the fact that it had on the same new suit he wore when last seen, for which he had paid \$12. Some money and a watch were also found in the clothing.

Fletcher was seen after he parted with the young men mentioned by Charles Bernstein.

the young men mentioned by Charles Ber-dine, a white man, who nives near the Anglers club house. He was then waiking down on the north side of the canal, below the last lock, between the falls and los water level. It was evident that he been drinking, so Deputy Embrey stated to a Star reporter, and it is supposed that while warking along the road which follows the canai he lost his balance and slid down the incline into the water and was drowned, the body remaining in the water until it floated through the operation of the gases. The place where Fletcher is supposed to have slipped into the water is on a road cut in the side of a hill, which is used by clists when going to the Virginia side of the Great Falls. This road is bad enough in daytime, and dangerous on a dark night to

one acquainted with the lay of the land TWO COURTS IN SESSION

County and Circuit Tribunals for Alexandria County. Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

FORT MYER HEIGHTS, Va.

May 22, 1899.

Many causes combined to attract a large crowd at the opening session of the Alexandria county court this morning for the May term. The circuit court for the county, Judge C. E. Nichol on the bench, being scheduled for its regular session, naturally distinguishing signal for these vessels took precedence over the local court, and accordingly, after a brief session, Judge in succession. The funnel mark of the Love retired to the conference room, where he continued the session of the county

court. man of the board and the president of the Before Judge Nichol arguments were heard in the case of McVeigh against Addison, a suit for partition of certain valuable property located on the corner of Royal and King streets, Alexandria. After consideration, the court set aside a recent sale of the property and issued a decree for a second sale.

> more than fifty cases pending final settle-ment. Several minor details received attention, and the court adjourned shortly after 1 o'clock In the county court all important cases were continued until the June term, owing principally to the conflict of dates with the

Clerk Young read the docket, disclosing

circuit court. The regular May meeting of the excise board of the county was held this morning in the court house. Only routine business was transacted and an early adjournment followed the reading of regular reports.

## SCHOOLS AND RAILWAYS.

koma Citizens' Association. The Citizens' Association of Takoma Park dentified as that of Peter Fletcher, was held one of the largest and most interesting

> had selected the site submitted by R. W. Walker & Sons, on the west side of Piney Branch road, immediately north of Vermillion avenue, as the one on which the public school will be placed, and that the plans of the new building would be submitted to the Takoma people before work on the building would be commenced. A resolu-tion was adopted that Mr. F. J. Lung, a member of the association and also a mem-ber of the town council of Takoma, he ap-pointed special building inspector for the

pointed special building inspector for the new school. the body was examined by Dr. Pratt there were no marks of violence that could be detected.

Fletcher was regarded as a very steady it was decided to hold the meetings as usual, there being a great many subjects of vital importance to the residents of the Park which needed action by the associa-tion

Messrs, J. B. Kinnear and C. M. Heaton nade a report of the special meeting of the railroad committees of the Brightwood, Brightwood Park and Takoma Citizens' Astee be deferred until the railroad company shall have had time to repair its machiners

and roadbed. Mr. MacClelland, the superintendent of the electric railroad, was present, and assured the association that all was being done that was possible in the repairing of done that was possible in the repairing of the old caus, and that within a few days they would be run on a fifteen-minute schedule. He also stated that work on the new roadbed would be begun shortly soon as completed, which would be

ed to arrange for a Fourth of July celebration, and submit its report at the June meeting of the association.

Messrs, MacChiland, W. W. Woods and Fred. L. Harries were elected to member-

ship in the association. MEDAL OF HONOR LEGION.

Ninth Annual Convention to Be Held in Burlington, Vt. Commander Amos J. Cummings of Medal of Honor Legion has issued general order No. 4, calling the ninth annual convention of the legion, which will be held in Burlington, Vt., the 19th and 20th of July next. Headquarters will be established at the Van Ness House in Burlington, where

the companions are expected to report upon arrival. A local committee of the Medal of Hono Legion, of which Companion Major General O. O. Howard, United States army, retired, is chairman, and a citizens' com-mittee at the head of which is the mayor of Burlington, will extend to the legion a warm welcome, and are taking measures to provide for their comfort and entertain-ment. The committee has thus far ar-ranged the following program:

Tuesday, July 18—Evening: Reception to the legion by the citizens of Burlington in the Y. M. C. A. building, and a welcome by the mayor of the city.
Wednesday, July 19-Morning: There will be a business meeting of the legion in the Y. M. C. A. building. Afternoon: An ex-Evening: A banquet will be tendered the legion by the citizens of Burlington.

Thursday, July 20-Morning: A ride through the city in carriages or on the electric cars. Afternoon: A sail on Lake

order is countersigned by L. G. Estes,

MARKS OF ARMY VESSELS How Troopships and Hospital Ships Will Be Distinguished.

In addition to the distinctive flag for the army transport service the government also has adopted the Costan night signal as a showing the colors red, white and blue transport is red, white and blue bands in succession. The hospital ships of the United States army are to have a flag with a white ground, red cross in the center, with the letters "U. S. A." at the top and H. S. S. at the bottom in blue; the center of the cross contains a white sphere with a green five pointed star in the center of the same. The hull mark is green band running from stem to stern just below the rail. The funnel mark proposed is to be a red cross on the white ground of the fur nel, with a sphere and green star in center. The night signal is a light burn a red flame followed by a green star.

A force fully equal to 473,000,000 horse-bower was estimated as developed in a West Indian cyclone. This is about fifteen times the power that is creatable by all the means within the range of man's capa-bilities during the same time. Were steam, water, windmills and the strength of all men and all animals combined they could men and all animals combined, they not at all approach the tremendous exerted by this terrible storm.